

## OPPOSE S.B. 16 and H.B. 5416

S.B. 16 also known as the Governors Gun Violence Prevention is nothing more than “feel good” legislation during an election year. It will do nothing more than to further burden the rights of legal gun owners in CT. Some of the wording is very vague, especially when expanding “gun free zones” to municipal buildings and public transportation.

H.B. 5416 is again another bill that accomplishes nothing other than feeling good about doing something while further burdening gun owners in CT. There is no logical reason to limit a handgun purchase to one per thirty days when the buyer has already passed all the background checks and follows all the laws pertaining to a CT pistol permit. In this current market where there has been limited availability of handguns, sometimes you come across something you've been waiting for and there is no reason to have to wait until after another 30 days. Those of us who enjoy shooting competitively also frequently buy two of the same model pistol to have as a back up or to use one as a practice gun and one dedicated to competition.

## SUPPORT S.B. 388, H.B. 5412, H.B. 5415

Both S.B. 388 and H.B. 5412 seek to strengthen the right to self defense which should be common sense. Any victim of a violent crime who is forced to defend themselves or others should not have to then face the threat of criminal or civil prosecution.

H.B. 5415 seeks to allow the transfer of already registered “Assault Weapons” and “high capacity magazines” between people who already own and possess these. If the State of CT has already allowed the registered owner of these items to possess them then there is no real argument against having the ability to transfer them.

Thank you for your time today and again I am asking that you oppose SB 16 and HB 5416 and support SB 388, HB 5412, and HB 5415.

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